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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I make the following submission to the Environmental Impact Statement exhibition for the WestconnexM4 East Tunnel Project (SSI 6307).

I am opposed to the construction of the M4 East Tunnel and do not believe that spending \$15.4 billion to achieve a six minute travel time saving is justified. The Government has ignored the community by signing contracts to build this road before releasing this EIS, the full business case or obtaining planning approval.

The EIS shows that this unjustified project will irreversibly destroy the heritage values of Haberfield, Australia's oldest garden suburb.

I want the following addressed from the EIS:

- Noise abatement along the length of Wattle Street particularly where Wattle Street meets Allum Street
- Filter the smoke stacks and relocate them away from schools and childcare centres
- Build a noise wall for properties in Ashfield next to the Parramatta Road interchange, during and after construction
- Stop rat-running through Haberfield by removing the right turn into Waratah Street, Haberfield
- Offer voluntary acquisitions and WDA-funded dilapidation reports for those properties near construction sites in Northcote, Wolseley, Wattle, Walker, Ramsay, Chandos and Loftus Streets
- Restrict tunnelling and truck movements to standard construction hours – no 24/7 truck movements
- Return acquired properties not required after construction to Ashfield Council for community use and public open space.

This project will not solve Sydney's traffic problems and NSW taxpayers money is better spent investing in public transport. Please consider my concerns and address them in your response to the community's submissions to the EIS.

Your sincerely

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